

Hal, thus pressed, said he didn't exactly mean that, but his father, who had listened, now spoke:

A boy or man who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him has no character of his own. He will never be kind or generous or Christian. If he is ever to be a gentleman, he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others. If he is to be noble, no other boy's meanness will change his nature."

And very earnestly the father added:

"Remember this, my boy, you lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because some one else is. Be true to your best self, and no boy can drag you down."—*Christian Work*.

Jesus

"He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.
There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in."

Our Young People

CHRIST OUR MODEL

Matt. 10: 24, 25; John 13: 16-23

(A union meeting with the Juniors suggested, to be led by the Junior Superintendent.)

Topic May 22

A meeting with the Juniors is suggested this time and it is hoped that special efforts will be made to have all the children present. Have them bring their Bibles and take a part by answering questions, reading references or giving testimonies. Many of the questions and references are specially adapted to them. Let them sing some of their Junior songs. Have sentence prayers and encourage them to take a part. The topic is one that can be easily grasped, for every one knows how much easier it is to do something by being shown how to do it than by being simply told how to do it.

If Christ had given his teaching without living it before men the world would not have accepted it. Now we see that because he loved his enemies, we can love ours; because he overcame sin, we can overcome sin and because he had power in prayer we can have power in prayer.

The point to be impressed is the imperative duty of everyone applying the thought of the lesson to their own lives and testing their actions by the question, "What would Christ do?" We have no right to claim his name if we are unwilling to live the life it stands for.

For the sake of the children questions may be asked about a great many things, (dancing, tobacco, cards, wine, Sunday newspapers and excursions, etc.) to see if in their judgment Christ would indulge in these things if here today.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

How Jesus did,

1. Toward his friends. Luke 22: 27.
2. " sinners. Luke 19: 5-7.
3. " the hungry. Matt. 14: 19
4. " the defenceless. Matt. 26: 10.
5. " children. Matt. 19: 13, 14.
6. " his enemies. Luke 22: 50, 51.
7. " false accusers. Matt. 26: 62, 63.
8. " his murderers. Luke 23: 34.
9. " his mother. John 19: 26.
10. " the abandoned. John 8: 7-11.
11. " hypocrites. Matt. 23: 23-25.
12. His observance of the Sabbath. Luke 4: 16; Mark 3: 1-5.

13. His example in prayer. Luke 6: 12; Mark 1: 35; Luke 5: 16; Luke 22: 32, 44.

14. His childhood—obedient to parents, Luke 2: 51, 52, and loved the Bible, Luke 2: 46, 48.

15. His obedience. John 8: 29; Phil. 2: 8.

16. His humility. John 13: 5; Luke 22: 27.

Questions to be discussed in the meeting

1. What fits Christ to be our model? Isa. 53: 9; Heb. 2: 18; John 8: 29.
2. Why is Christ the only safe model?
3. Are we expected to do as he would do? I John 2: 6; John 17: 18.
4. How can we make his example apply to our own lives?
5. What are some things some of us would have to give up if we should do in all things as he would do?
6. How may we know we are doing as he would do?
7. Testimonies of his sinlessness. John 18: 38; Matt. 27: 4, 54; John 8: 29, 46.

Songs Suggested

"Down in the valley."
"More holiness give me."
"Let the Savior in."
"Out of my bondage."
"I do not ask for earthly store."
"I will take my cross and follow."

C. F. YODER.

Helpful Suggestions

Forward.

If we would pray more like Christ we would be more like him.

Every time we lift up our eyes to Christ we take a step nearer to his likeness.

A perfect pattern calls for perfect work; we are incomplete until we are like Christ.

Our model is also our Master and our Teacher. He not only sets us a perfect example, but he also instructs us how to conform to it.

What a tender, considerate, and helpful friend Jesus was in the home. If we would sweeten and beautify our home life we must follow more closely our Example.

To live the life of Christ we must do the deeds of Christ. Without gentle speech, un-failing patience, sterling righteousness, constant helpfulness, and a life of daily sacrifice, it is impossible to be like our Model.

Jesus was all love. From cradle to cross his life was definition of love. When we are most loving, and when the outgoings of love keep our lips and hands and feet busy, then we are likeliest to incarnate Love, Jesus Christ.

It is entirely possible for the most humble and commonplace Christian to do deeds and to show a spirit that will make men think about his Master. Each Christly act is a finger board pointing to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

There is nothing for which God more readily and gladly gives us strength and wisdom than for the endeavor to be like the Man Christ Jesus. All the powers of heaven work with the person who is striving for Christlikeness.

A great goal is better than low achievement. Merely to strive to be like Christ is nobler than to succeed in being like some less worthy example. We are purer and grander just for having taken as our pattern the perfect life lived among the hills of Judea two thousand years ago.

THE INTERESTED WORKER IN THE K. C. S.

MRS. A. HARTZOG

The K. C. S. is a society organized for Christian work and mutual benefit among our young people. We should not forget, as church workers that the church is the mother of this society. The sense of obligation to church training seems in too many cases to be obscured, and the power lost to discriminate between what the young people's society owes to the church, and what the church owes to the organization.

The society should receive its nourishment from the church. Every true Christian worker in the Brethren church should be an earnest, interested worker in our K. C. S. Not only because it is his duty, but for the very love of doing good.

Let our influence go out to the young. Help to get them under the guidance of the Great Pilot, and to look to him in all things. For looking to God in all things is to walk in beauty and security.

Sometimes we find members in the church that object to these societies, and sometimes the church as a whole has failed to see the new conditions of the natural outgrowth of influences that they themselves have always been trying to foster in membership. The farmer who proceeds to put the fruit of his apple trees into cider vinegar might as well be annoyed when the fermentation begins, as for the older church members to rebel when the very forces that they have with infinite pains gathered and poured into the boys and girls begin to ferment or to work. It is well that One wiser than we plans our lives. Should we not rejoice and be cheerful in our work when we see the children and the young people ambitiously working for the cause of the Master. Being made new with this love of Christ in their hearts, it is altogether natural that their new trains should be express trains—that they should be through trains—that they should carry everything but sleepers, and make few stops for refreshments, and it is also quite natural that age and experience should object, after a dazed helpless fashion, to being side-tracked while youth goes whizzing by.

Too many of us are weak and uncertain, as to our relations and duties to God and man, and we need to feel our Anchor holding us from useless drifting. But after all, "The tree is known by its fruit." Its fruit shows its degree of growth and perfection, and praise or shame to its owner. Just so with us. We are honored or dishonored by the fruits that make us known. Since we are known by the fruits we bear, it is our primary and most important task to make the tree good, so that its roots might strike deep into the love which is at the very heart of Christ. Surely our fruit ought to be something that will through our work reveal this love and pity for the suffering children of men.

The work of our young people's society means a continuous advance in the cause of Christ.

If each committee, officer, and interested worker will do their duty, our societies will